



## After rain - Diriyah Contemporary Art Biennale

(Riyad, Saudi Arabia)

The second Contemporary Art Biennial 'After Rain' unfolds once again on the JAX site in the heritage city of Diriyah on the outskirts of Riyadh. Led by the DBF Foundation and curated by Ute Meta Bauer, the biennial takes place in six buildings with an industrial aesthetic and outdoors. The theme of this year's exhibition is the earth, its natural resources, its inhabitants and the environmental problems that they collectively face. theatrical and spectacular for

the first gallery, white laboratory aesthetics for the second, hushed galleries for the modern works in the third, then a floating landscape in darkness for the fourth and fifth galleries, ending with a «white box» in the sixth gallery. The lighting is designed to give an honest and sincere rendering of the works on display, being as unobtrusive as possible to allow each work to express itself. © Marco Cappelletti, courtesy of OMA

**contracting authority**  
Diriyah Biennale Foundation,  
Saudi Arabia Ministry of  
Culture

**artistic director**

Ute Meta Bauer

**co-curators**

Rose Lejeune, Wejdan Reda,  
Anca Rujoiu, Ana Salazar  
Herrera

**lighting designer**

les éclairateurs and ELLF

**scenographers**

Laura Miotto

Savina Nicolini

**lighting designer**

les éclairateurs and ELLF

**budget**

confidential

**surface area**

12,900 sq.m

**completion**

2024